

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 641
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Shannon Stoner
Bottoms for her remarkable artistic talents.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those Tennessee artists who, through their remarkable talents, have brought great honor and recognition to this State; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Stoner Bottoms is one such talented artist, who, even though she was a Democrat, was selected by the administration of President George W. Bush in 2002 to create a bird ornament to be used as decoration for that year's White House Christmas Tree; and

WHEREAS, a talented painter and sculptor, Ms. Bottoms created a beautiful ruby-throated hummingbird; her ornament was displayed prominently on the White House Christmas Tree and she was honored to meet First Lady Laura Bush as a part of this merry and memorable holiday celebration; and

WHEREAS, a life-long resident of Nashville, Shannon is the daughter of Charles L. and Jean Moss Stoner; she is the youngest of four sisters, including Sherry, Christie, and Shawn, and has one brother, Scott; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Antioch High School, Ms. Bottoms earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, having previously worked as a professional clown, she has been a small business owner of a pet-sitting/dog-training service in the Bellevue area for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bottoms is an active participant in her community's political process; she has been an At-Large candidate for the Metro Nashville Council, and she has been a tireless worker in a number of political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the proud mother of two sons, Abram and Cody, she has served as a volunteer for the Cumberland Science Museum Children's Outreach Program, and she is a co-founder of the Mother's Project; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her remarkable talents as a visual artist, Ms. Bottoms has also proven to be quite a songwriter: one of her songs was selected as a Finalist in the International Bluegrass Music Association Songwriter's Showcase; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Bottoms, through her abundant artistic talents, has brought great recognition to herself and her State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Shannon Stoner Bottoms on being selected to create an ornament for the White House Christmas Tree, commend her many artistic talents, and wish her success in her every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

